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## ABOUT THE COVER

Pictured on the cover is the famous Bayou Folk Museum, which has been donated to the Northwestern Foundation by Mrs. Mildred McCoy, her son Kenneth D. McCoy, Jr., and his wife, Rosie Alford McCoy. The two-story, hand-made brick house in Cloutierville where Kate Chopin produced literary works in the 1800's will be operated by NSU as a museum and will also be utilized for research and archives preservation.

## Message From the President

By Dr. Rene' Bienvenu

As the new school year approaches, we at Northwestern encourage our alumni to make personal commitments to return to the campus during 1979-80 to witness first-hand the exciting new spirit and enthusiasm of our students, faculty and staff.

All of us who are associated with this great university have much in which to take pride...a beautiful campus, excellent facilities, superb academic programs and an atmosphere of genuine warmth and friendliness.

Northwestern has achieved remarkable progress during its long history but has still maintained its cherished traditions and unique charm. Alumni, students and faculty are justifiably proud of both our rich past and our vast progress.

Perhaps no part of a university family is more important than its alumni, because you are our foundation...our roots...our anchor. The greatest measure of a university's worth is the quality of its graduates. We are proud of our alumni, and we are aware of the pride our graduates have in the university.

Plan to strengthen your ties with your alma mater this year. Visit the campus. Call us. Write us. Return for Homecoming. We need the support of our alumni, and we are confident that you will be pleased and enriched if you come back to the campus.



Bienvenu

## The Alumni President Speaks

By Raymond Arthur

This is our first "Columns" since being elected president of the NSU Alumni Association. We would first like to welcome back the returning members of the Board of Directors, and to extend congratulations to new board members Carroll Long of Lafayette and Dale Bernard of Lake Charles. We know their enthusiasm and energy will add greatly to our Association.

We also wish to express our deep appreciation to our past president, Marjorie Dial for her leadership of the Association these past years. She has served us well, for which we are grateful.

President Bienvenu, his administration, the faculty and the student body are working in close cooperation to improve our university. The spirit on the campus is evident; at all levels there is new enthusiasm and optimism. New scholastic policies have been instituted to improve and enhance the scholastic program, which have been welcomed by the faculty and student body. The byword is "academic excellence", and it is apparent that the student body accepts the challenge.

We believe among our most valuable assets of the university are the alumni. We need alumni who have good memories of student life at Northwestern; who are proud to be graduates of NSU; who feel they have received a good education; who wish to support the school; who are willing to encourage good students to come to NSU, and who are enthusiastic about the future of Northwestern. Of course, we need financial contributions whenever possible to enable the university to extend academic scholarships to deserving students. We encourage the alumni to give what we can afford for these purposes. However, we feel that perhaps the greatest contribution which can be made to the university by the alumni is in the promotion of Northwestern at the high school level; the encouraging of good students to attend Northwestern. We have a multitude of alumni who are outstanding teachers and school administrators around the nation, and particularly within the state. We want to encourage those alumni to recommend the university to their good students.

President Bienvenu has often expressed his desire to hear from the alumni. We take this means to suggest to all our alumni that if they have recommendations, make them known to Dr. Bienvenu. If you feel there is something which needs to be improved, let the university know your opinion. President Bienvenu and this Association want your participation and your voice in university affairs.

The future is bright at NSU. The university has so much to offer students. Our plant facilities are among the best, and academic and athletic programs are excellent. The university, however, needs the input of its alumni, and the Alumni Association needs your involvement. We are your Association, and we welcome your comments and suggestions.



Arthur





*Joe Traigle*



*Olive Ann Willis*



*H. W. Meachum*

# Seven Distinguished Graduates Honored During Awards Day

Seven Northwestern graduates who have gained recognition in various professional and business areas have been selected as distinguished alumni of NSU for 1979.

Recipients of the honor were invited back to the Northwestern campus this spring to participate in the university's annual Academic Honors Day program which was sponsored by the Office of External Affairs and Phi Kappa Phi honorary academic honor society.

This year's distinguished alumni of NSU are LeRoy S. Miller of Natchitoches, former professor of mathematics and physics at Northwestern; Mrs. Yolanda Ramin of Pineville, psychological assistant in adolescent services at Central Louisiana State Hospital; Mrs. Olive Ann Willis, general supervisor for the Winn Parish School Board; Harry Wayne Meachum, an attorney in Dallas, Texas; Kenneth Lantz of Natchitoches, fisheries biologist with the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries; Dr. Jeanne Mack Gilley,

associate dean and professor in the College of Home Economics at Louisiana Tech University at Ruston, and Joe Traigle, president and chief executive officer of the American Bank and Trust co. in Baton Rouge.

## SUMMER TERM ENROLLMENT UP

Northwestern's summer semester enrollment of 3,520 is an increase of 89 students over 1978 summer term registration figures of 3,431.

Northwestern president Dr. Rene Bienvenu said, "I am extremely pleased with summer enrollment figures showing an increase in registration when other colleges and universities nationwide are experiencing declining enrollments."

The distinguished alumni for 1979 served as guest lecturers in the academic areas in which they were enrolled as students at Northwestern. The lectures were presented during the distinguished alumni visitation sessions in classrooms across the campus.

Ray Carney, director of the Office of External Affairs and executive secretary of the NSU Alumni Association, recognized the distinguished alumni during a noon luncheon at NSU Student Union attended by university administrators, academic deans and department chairmen.

Highlighting the Academic Honors Day program was the 18th annual awards banquet to recognize NSU students who have achieved outstanding scholastic records at the university.

Other Academic Honors Day activities included an ecumenical service at the First Presbyterian Church in Natchitoches, a reception in Eugene P. Watson Memorial Library and afternoon guided bus tours of the Northwestern campus.



*Dr. J. M. Gilley*



*Leroy S. Miller*



*Kenneth Lantz*



*Yolanda Ramin*

# Northwestern News Briefs . . .



*Fletcher*



*Lindsey*



*Brewer*



*Knecht*



*Hawthorne*

## LINDSEY, KNECHT APPOINTED

Loran Lindsey and Gene Knecht have been appointed to new administrative staff positions at Northwestern, according to NSU president Dr. Rene' J. Bienvenu.

Lindsey was promoted from director of facility development to director of physical plant, planning, development and maintenance. Knecht, formerly an assistant football coach, was named coordinator of plant maintenance at the university.

Lindsey joined the NSU administrative staff in 1969 as property manager and building program coordinator. He held that position until July of 1978, when he was appointed director of facility development.

Knecht was an assistant football coach at Northwestern for 18 years before retiring from coaching at the end of the 1978 season. He had served as defensive coordinator, defensive backfield coach and the university's high school recruiter for the New Orleans area.

## GRANT IS AWARDED

Five faculty members from Northwestern have been awarded a grant to study the effectiveness of a new approach to remedial training in reading.

The multi-disciplinary project is being funded by Northwestern's University Seed Grant Program, which was established last fall. The program is administered by the Office of Graduate Studies and Research at NSU.

Conducting the research at Northwestern will be Dr. Robert Breckenridge, Dr. Donald O. Gates and Dr. Hurst Hall of the Department of Behavioral Sciences, Dr. Ethel Hetrick, chairman of the Division of Special Education in the College of Education, and Dr. Ron Dubois of the Department of Elementary Education.

## DR. FLETCHER LISTED

Dr. Mary Dell Fletcher, associate professor of English at Northwestern, has been selected for inclusion in the current edition of "International Who's Who in Education."

A specialist in Southern literature, Dr. Fletcher has appeared in several similar biographical listings.

The Northwestern professor has completed an anthology of the writings of Ada Jack Carver, a local writer, and is now working on a book showing the Calvinistic influences on William Faulkner.

## PROGRAM PARTICIPANT

Dr. Norma Brewer of Northwestern received a fellowship to participate this spring in a special training program at the National Center for Community Education in Flint, Michigan.

Dr. Brewer is an associate professor in secondary education at Northwestern, where she also specializes in adult and community education.

The Northwestern professor was recently selected as a regional representative to the American Vocational Association in new and special services. She represents NSU in the Adult Education Staff Development Consortium and has been chosen by the consortium to assist in the development and writing of the state plan for adult education for the State Department of Education.

## SIBLEY ON COMMITTEES

Sylvan R. Sibley, purchasing agent at Northwestern, has received two committee appointments for 1979 from national purchasing organizations.

Sibley was appointed as a member of the educational committee for the National Association of Educational Buyers. He has been a member for the past 13 years of the organization, which has a membership of more than 1,800 college and university purchasing agents throughout the nation.

The National Purchasing Institute, in which Sibley has been active for three years, also appointed the NSU purchasing agent to a one-year term on its professional growth committee.

## NSU PRODUCES FILMS

The Television Center at Northwestern hosted a preview this spring of the three films produced by the center for the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

The films were "The Wildlife Conservation Officer," "Managing Louisiana's Lakes" and "Louisiana's Saltwater Harvest."

The three 27-minute color productions were produced through a grant the

Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries received from a Rockefeller Foundation Trust Fund for wildlife education.

A premiere screening of the films was held February 22 in Baton Rouge for officials from various state agencies and leading conservationists from across the state.

## ARCHEOLOGICAL RESEARCH

The Division of Anthropology at Northwestern received a state contract for \$19,999 to provide archeological research and investigative services at the replication site of Fort St. Jean Baptiste in Natchitoches.

The contract was awarded to Northwestern by the Office of State Parks in the Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism. The archeological investigations were directed by NSU associate professor of anthropology Dr. Hiram F. Gregory.

More than \$750,000 was authorized this fiscal year by the Louisiana Legislature for the reconstruction of Fort St. Jean Baptiste, which was constructed in 1715. An exact replica of the fort and a museum are to be built on the original site of the fort near Moreau's Pond between Cane River Lake and Jefferson Street.

## HAWTHORNE NAMED

Camille Hawthorne of Natchitoches has been appointed coordinator of student organizations and activities at Northwestern.

The new Northwestern staff member will work with student organizations in the development and coordination of programs that meet the educational, cultural, social and recreational needs of the students and the university community.

Miss Hawthorne will also serve as the advisor to the Student Union Governing Board, assisting the organization in programming a wide variety of activities for the student body.

In addition, Miss Hawthorne will be responsible for advising the university's Panhellenic and Interfraternity Councils, which govern sororities and fraternities on campus.

Miss Hawthorne is a graduate of Northwestern. She received the B.S. degree in business administration and an M.A. degree in student personnel services.



# Northwestern News Briefs . . .



*Taylor*



*Snowden*



*Goodwin*



*Runion*



*Payne*

## HUMANITIES GRANT

Northwestern's College of Liberal Arts has been awarded a \$46,500 pilot grant from the National Endowment of the Humanities to develop and implement a unique multi-disciplinary program for the NSU College of Nursing.

The program, entitled "Human Values in Nursing," is a one-year test project designed to sensitize nursing students to humanistic issues in health care, develop problem-solving and communication skills in the area and assist the students in enhancing their human potential as health care professionals.

Co-directors of the project are Fraser Snowden, associate professor of philosophy, and Maxine Taylor, associate professor of history.

## ARTICLE PUBLISHED

Two faculty members at Northwestern were the authors of a research article in a recent issue of "One-to-One," the official journal of the International Congress of Individualized Instruction.

The article, entitled "The Use of Group Counseling in Individualizing Reading Instruction," was written by Dr. Gail C. Goodwin, professor of student personnel, and Dr. DeLores B. Payne, assistant professor of education and director of the College Reading Laboratory at NSU.

## RUNION INSTALLED

Dr. Keith Runion of Northwestern has been installed as president of the Louisiana Personnel and Guidance Association.

An assistant professor of counseling and guidance at NSU, Runion has served this year as president-elect of the LPGA and was program chairman for this year's state convention.

Runion has been a member of Northwestern's Department of Behavioral Sciences faculty since 1975. He moved to NSU from Tacoma, Washington, where he was an elementary school counselor.

## FIVE-YEAR APPROVAL

The State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education has granted Northwestern approval for teacher education for five years, which is the maximum time allowable for accreditation.

State approval of Northwestern's teacher education program was announced in Baton Rouge by Dr. Jacqueline C. Lewis, director of the Bureau of Higher Education and Teacher Certification.

A committee of seven educators and administrators from throughout the state evaluated Northwestern's programs on the basis of provisions in the Louisiana Standards for Accrediting Baccalaureate Degree Teacher Education Institutions.

Areas included were organization and administration, teacher education faculty and other instructional personnel, student personnel services, curricula, facilities for instruction and professional laboratory experiences.

## PACE HEADS SENATE

Dr. Jack W. Pace, assistant professor of agricultural sciences, has been elected president of the Faculty Senate at Northwestern.

Pace, who will serve as the NSU Faculty Senate's chief executive officer for the 1979-80 academic year, also holds the positions of director of livestock and meat processing operations for the university's Department of Agricultural and Geological Sciences.

Other faculty members elected as new officers of the NSU Faculty Senate were vice-president Joan R. McKee, instructor of nursing, and secretary Maxyne M. Scott, associate professor of music.

## LONG, PHILP HONORED

State Rep. Jimmy Long and the late Dr. W. Avery Philp have been honored for their contributions and service to education by Northwestern's chapter of Phi Delta Kappa national professional education fraternity.

Long, who has represented Natchitoches Parish in the Louisiana Legislature since 1968, was recognized by the fraternity "for the many outstanding individual contributions he has made to education in general."

The fraternity selected Philp as recipient of its first distinguished service award. Philp was a member of the NSU faculty from 1962 until his death in 1978, and the posthumous award was given in recognition of his long-time service to education.

## CARR IS APPOINTED

Dr. Dan B. Carr has been named coordinator of research for the College of Education at Northwestern.

As coordinator of research, Carr will assist members of the faculty in the College of Education in determining areas in which research programs are available and in securing funds from various services and agencies to conduct research projects.

The College of Education's new research coordinator has been a member of the NSU faculty since 1972. Before joining the Northwestern staff, Carr was principal of Natchitoches Central High School for nine years.

## TREES ARE DONATED

Triple T. Farms, Inc., owner and operator of Little Eva Plantation in Chopin, has donated 18 pecan trees to Northwestern to enhance campus beautification and pecan research projects at NSU.

The donation of the pecan trees, which are of the Sumner, Cape Fear, Branch and native varieties, was made by A. D. Taylor, Jr., Larry Taylor and Darrell Taylor, owners of the Natchitoches Parish Plantation.

Triple T. Farms, Inc., which is also engaged in cattle and soybean production, made the donation of the four varieties of trees to NSU as an effort to emphasize the importance of pecans to the state's economy.

## PAMPHLET DEVELOPED

Sally N. Hunt, a member of the home economics faculty at Northwestern, has developed a computerized food budget analysis to show families exactly where their food dollars are spent and to provide information on stretching food budgets.

Titled "Food Dollar Sense," the analysis which is still in the experimental phase was developed through Mrs. Hunt's research as a resident doctoral student at Texas Women's University in Denton.

"Food Dollar Sense" is a pamphlet that Mrs. Hunt, assistant professor of home economics at NSU, prepared for the annual food storage and production seminar sponsored each year by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Denton.

## NSU Developing Energy Program

Northwestern has been awarded a state contract for \$85,800 to develop a multi-media program that will be transported throughout Louisiana to create an awareness of the value of energy conservation.

The grant to Northwestern was awarded by the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources. The project is one of 10 energy conservation programs the state is conducting with funds received from the U.S. Department of Energy, and it is the only educational program that has been funded.

"At Northwestern we recognize that the ultimate solution to the energy problem has got to be education," said Dr. Barney L. Kyzar, Sr., who is coordinating the development of the mobile display on energy conservation.

He added, "This will provide us with a beginning for an educational program that will eventually find its way into the schools across the state."

According to Kyzar, NSU's director of planning and the materials specialist for the project, the multi-media show on energy conservation is designed to provide a minimum of 220 days showing in locations such as fairs, festivals and shopping malls. Components of the display will be available for appearances before smaller or special interest groups, such as service clubs, university classes and governmental departments.

Beginning this spring, the multi-media show is being transported to cities and towns through Louisiana in a specially-designed van.

Helen C. Hubley of Shreveport, who received a bachelor's degree in journalism from NSU this spring, has been named as the awareness specialist who will take the traveling display to different locations across the state.

Special highlights of the multi-media display include filmed puppet shows emphasizing the principles of conservation, six individual electronically-programmed units for general audience participation gaming of conservation issues and animated continuous films which present selected awareness information.

Puppets for the puppet shows were created by former Natchitoches resident and NSU student Ferrel Marr, professional puppeteer who now resides in Lafayette. Marr, who was one of the manipulators in the puppet shows, formerly worked with the famous Sid and Marty Kroft at Six Flags Over Texas.

The two puppet show films along with two other films featuring live acting are being produced for the multi-media show by the NSU Television Center. Thomas N. Whitehead is the producer-director for the center and Paul Keyser is the engineer.

Coordinating the film production is Dr. E. Robert Black, chairman of the NSU Department of Speech and Journalism.

*Homecoming, 1979*

*will be*

*Saturday, September 29*

*highlighted by*

*Northwestern vs. Northeast*

*Turpin Stadium, 7:30 p.m.*

*Reception, Banquet also scheduled*

*Details, Ticket order forms*

*to be mailed in early September*

**PLAN NOW TO ATTEND**

## MAJOR GRANT IS AWARDED NSU'S COLLEGE OF NURSING

The College of Nursing at Northwestern has received a federal grant of \$430,246 to expand its master's degree program to offer for the first time in Louisiana graduate-level training in the clinical study of maternal-child nursing.

The federal grant, which covers a three-year period, was awarded to the university's Shreveport-based Master of Science in Nursing Program by the Division of Nursing of the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

Dr. Patricia A. Moxley, head of NSU's Master of Science in Nursing Program and director of the expansion project, said the HEW grant will enhance the College of Nursing's efforts to improve the quality of health care delivery.

Dr. Moxley stated, "We pursued this grant for two reasons. First, we sought the project because of the high infant mortality rate in this part of the state and

because of the large number of 'mothers at risk' who are living in areas that have been designated as medically underserved."

"Secondly," she added, "Northwestern is one of only two graduate schools of nursing in Louisiana, and neither school has ever offered a clinical area of study in maternal-child nursing on the master of science level."

According to Dr. Moxley, "A definite need has existed for many years in North Louisiana, as well as statewide, for nurse specialists who are formally trained to help improve the health status of infants and mothers and the present health care delivery system."

She said, "North Louisiana has one of the highest infant mortality rates in the United States, and all of Louisiana is above the national average. Infant mortality rates reflect the health status of both child and the mother."

## Ten-Year Reunion Schedule

Plans are being made for a 10 year Reunion of the Student Union Governing Board. Tentative date of the banquet is Saturday, April 12, 1980. A reception will be held at the new Recreation Complex, a dream of all of these former students, at 9 p.m. on Saturday. Also being planned are tours of NSU facilities and a golf tournament.

If you have been a past Union Board member - on the Executive Council, a Committee Chairman, Representative-at-Large, or Program Director - please send your name and address to Camille Hawthorne, Box 5274, NSU, Natchitoches, LA 71457.



# Bayou Folk Museum Given to NSU

Bayou Folk Museum, the famous two-story, hand-made brick house in Cloutierville where Kate Chopin produced some of her most important literary works during the late 1800's, has been donated to the Northwestern Foundation.

The museum, which was designated as a Louisiana landmark in 1970 and entered on the National Register of Historic Places in 1974, was presented to the NSU Foundation as a gift from Mildred McCoy of Cloutierville and her son, Kenneth D. McCoy, Jr., and his wife, Rosie Alford McCoy of Natchitoches.

Mildred McCoy purchased Kate Chopin's home in 1964 from a Cloutierville physician. She restored the home herself and opened it as Bayou Folk Museum in 1965. Now a leading tourist attraction, the museum's valuable contents include archival material of Kate Chopin, antebellum history and culture, Cane River history and President Abraham Lincoln.

After touring Bayou Folk Museum recently with members of the McCoy family, Northwestern president Dr. Rene' J. Bienvenu said the acquisition of the museum "opens an entirely new avenue of academic studies at the university."

Bienvenu explained that the university will continue to operate Kate Chopin's former home as a museum.

"We will utilize Bayou Folk Museum in programs now being developed in our history department as well as in our new archives curriculum," said Bienvenu. "We also think the museum will enhance the work our faculty and students are doing in the areas of folklore and anthropology."

The NSU president said, "The university is extremely grateful to the McCoy family for naming Northwestern as the recipient of this gift. The museum ties the university more closely with the tourism and historical aspects of Natchitoches," said Bienvenu. "This makes us a more tangible part of the historical development of this area."

In 1971, Mildred McCoy received the Harnett T. Kane Award from the Louisiana Landmark Society for the best preservation of a Louisiana landmark for the year 1970.

"I have many memories of this place," said Mrs. McCoy, who lived in the nationally-famous house as a child. "Even as a child I can remember people wanting to come see the house where Kate Chopin lived."

Mrs. McCoy, who said she restored the home herself using "lots of country labor and no architect," gave poor health as the reason for giving up ownership of the museum, which has been valued at more than \$200,000.

During tour of the museum, members of the McCoy family explained that it was John Price's "personal involvement in the matter" that led to the selection of the NSU Foundation as the recipient of Bayou Folk Museum.

Price, who is head of the Archives Division at Northwestern, said Bayou Folk Museum—which also contains a doctor's office and a blacksmith shop—will greatly complement the university's research potential.

"This acquisition will be an enormous help to faculty members and students in the language department and a valuable resource facility for the folklore people and others interested in cultural management research," said Price.

Northwestern's archivist added, "Bayou Folk Museum is important as a resource. Kate Chopin is a national figure. This is where she did some of her most important writings, such as 'The Awakening,' 'Bayou Folk' and 'A Night in Acadie.' She drew heavily on the local color of the Cane River Country and New Orleans."

Price explained that all of Kate Chopin's works have been collected and published. "She has been the subject of numerous biographies," he stated, adding that the leading Kate Chopin scholar is Per Seyersted of Norway.

# Kysers Donate Land To NSU

The widow and daughter of former Northwestern president Dr. John S. Kyser have donated to the NSU Foundation a tract of land on Cane River Lake in Natchitoches that is valued at some \$30,000.

Mrs. Thelma Z. Kyser and her daughter, Janet E. Kyser—both of Natchitoches—granted the NSU Foundation the authority to sell the two 100-foot Cane River lots and to use revenues to establish the John S. Kyser Memorial Fund.

Interest on the income generated by the sales of the lots, which are located on the east side of the Cane River on Washington, will be used to support the recently-established University Press at Northwestern.

Mrs. Kyser and her daughter also stipulated in the donation that if the University Press is discontinued in future years, the John S. Kyser Memorial Fund will be utilized for the purchase of books and other materials for Eugene P. Watson Library at NSU.

Northwestern's University Press was established in 1978 to publish scholarly books and manuscripts in such areas as history, literature and education.

University Press director John M. Price said a miscellaneous collection of unpublished writings by the late Kate Chopin will be published by the NSU Press later this year, and several other manuscripts

"are already in various stages of processing for publication."

Price said the University Press is also preparing to publish a pictorial review of the Cane River country. "Funds from the Kyser Memorial Fund will be used to finalize this publication, which will include many photographs made by Dr. Kyser," Price said.

Dr. Rene' J. Bienvenu, Northwestern president, said, "All of us at Northwestern are indeed honored that Mrs. Kyser and Janet have chosen to perpetuate Dr. Kyser's memory in this way. He was one of the giants in Northwestern's history, and his interest in the publication of scholarly works makes the donation to the University Press especially significant."

In documents finalizing the donation of the Cane River lots to the NSU Foundation, Mrs. Kyser and her daughter stated that the contribution was being made "because of our love and affection for Dr. Kyser and also for Northwestern."

Dr. Kyser, who died in 1975, served as president of Northwestern from 1954 through 1966. He had been on the NSU faculty since 1923 with the exception of two years at Louisiana State University and Tulane University.

A native of El Paso, Ill., Dr. Kyser advanced through the academic ranks at Northwestern from instructor to

professor, and he served as head of the Department of Social Sciences from 1935 until he was appointed president in 1954.

At the time of his retirement from Northwestern, Dr. Kyser had served on the faculty and staff for 43 years, which was the longest tenure of any employee at the university. Only one other Northwestern president, Dr. V. L. Roy, served as the university's top administrator longer than Dr. Kyser.

The author of extensive text materials for social studies courses on Louisiana, Dr. Kyser organized and developed a number of courses on the state, including the first college credit field study tours of Louisiana in 1935.

Highly respected for his abilities as a photographer, Dr. Kyser also organized and taught Northwestern's first courses in audio-visual education, an area in which Northwestern has long been recognized as a pioneer.

During his 12-year tenure as president of Northwestern, Dr. Kyser inaugurated the first graduate program at any institution under the Louisiana Board of Education, and he was instrumental in the development of the first closed circuit television program at any institution of higher learning in Louisiana.

Enrollment soared from 1,688 to 5,203 during the time that Dr. Kyser served as Northwestern's president.

# Nine-Game Schedule Faces Football Team



Northwestern State University's athletic complex is virtually complete with the completion of the new athletic field house (right), which sits at the end of Harry "Rags" Turpin Football Stadium. The new field house, which was completed during the summer, houses offices for the athletic department as well as dressing rooms, weight rooms and training rooms which will be used by the Demon football team as well as other sports.

## 1979 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
Sept. 15	Stephen F. Austin	Natchitoches	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 22	Texas - Arlington	Arlington, Texas	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 29	Northeast Louisiana	Natchitoches (Homecoming)	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 6	Open Date		
Oct. 13	Southeastern La.	Hammond, La.	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 20	Louisiana Tech	*Shreveport, La.	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 27	Nicholls State	Thibodaux, La.	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 3	McNeese State	Lake Charles, La.	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 10	Lamar University	Beaumont, Texas	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 17	Central Michigan	Natchitoches	7:30 p.m.

Home Games in Harry "Rags" Turpin Stadium (16,000)

\* Neutral Site: State Fair Stadium (52,000)



Members of Northwestern State University's football coaching staff for the 1979 season include (front row, L. to R.) Ronnie Alexander, linebackers and defensive ends; Billy Laird, assistant head coach and offensive backfield; (back row) Jerry Arledge, defensive line; Herbie Smith, receivers; Randy Johnson, graduate assistant; A. L. Williams, head coach; Don Guidry, defensive backs; and Joe Raymond Peace, offensive line.

One new opponent, Central Michigan University, and the renewal of rivalries with eight other foes highlight a nine-game schedule for Northwestern State University's 1979 football season.

The schedule was announced by the NSU Athletic Council and contains three home games to be played in Harry "Rags" Turpin Stadium on the campus. Those home dates begin on Sept. 15 when the Demons plat host to Stephen F. Austin's Lumberjacks in their season opener and in the renewal of the "Battle for Chief Caddo".

Other home dates are Sept. 29 against Northeast Louisiana in the Demons' annual Homecoming celebration, and on Nov. 17 against Central Michigan of Mt. Pleasant, Mich., which will be meeting Northwestern for the first time ever in athletic competition.

In addition to those home dates, Northwestern is the designated home team this year for the annual State Fair Classic against Louisiana Tech in Shreveport's 52,000-seat State Fair Stadium.

"We are, of course, not happy with the shortage of home games," Williams said, "but practically all of our games are within easy driving distance this season and we are hoping our fans will follow us as often as possible. We feel that we are playing some very strong teams both at home and on the road."

The Demons hit the road for the first time on September 22 when they journey to face Texas-Arlington. Other road dates are October 13 against Southeastern La. in Hammond, October 27 against Nicholls State in Thibodaux, November 3 against McNeese State in Lake Charles and November 10 against Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas.

"Practically every team on our schedule is supposed to be improved this season," Williams said, "and with all the players we lost to graduation it will be tough for us to improve on last season. We feel we'll be strong in some areas, though, and if we get some good breaks and keep everybody healthy we should have a good season."

The Demons, coming off a 5-6 season in 1978, lost 17 four-year lettermen and 12 four-year starters off last year's squad and have only four starters back off last season's offensive unit and six on the defensive side.

However, Williams, who is entering his fifth season as head coach, has a strong suit in the offensive backfield where three starters return including one of the South's top running backs in junior Joe Delaney. Delaney rushed for 945 yards and nine touchdowns last season while averaging 5.6 yards per carry, and he went for an almost-unbelievable 299 yards against Nicholls State during the year.

Other returning backfield starters include quarterback Kenny Philibert and fullback Brett Knecht, while guard Fred Galloway is the other returning offensive starter.

Defensively, linebackers David Wright and Ben Loper return in the front wall.





Ricardo Acuna

## Tennis Pair Wins Honors

Two Northwestern State University tennis standouts, senior Ricardo Acuna and freshman Marie-Jeanne Huyben, recently brought a great deal of notoriety to the NSU program by accomplishing things no other Demon players had ever accomplished.

Acuna, from Santiago, Chile, reached the round of 16 in the NCAA Championships to attain major college All-America honors. The senior, who was ranked 13th in the nation at the end of the season, went into the event as the No.14 seed after placing highly in three nationally-known tournaments during the year.

Huyben, a native of Oosterhout, the Netherlands, captured the La. Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (LAIAW) state singles crown at the annual state tournament. The freshman compiled a record of 33-4 during the year in addition to taking NSU's first-ever state championship.



Marie-Jeanne Huyben

## Basketball Slate Announced

A 26-game schedule, including a total of 12 home games and road contests with such national powers as Texas and Ohio State, will be facing Northwestern State University's basketball squad during the 1979-80 season.

"We feel that this is an excellent schedule," NSU head coach Tynes Hildebrand said. "We've got some of the best teams in the area coming to our place this year, and we're going up against a couple of the nation's finest teams on a couple of good trips."

The Demons, coming off a 7-19 season in 1978-79, will open their campaign in a big way on Friday, November 30, when they face national power Texas in Austin in the first of five meetings with national-tournament teams during the season.

Both Texas and Northeast Louisiana, which the Demons face in a home-and-home series, took part in the National Invitational Tournament last year, while Ohio State was an NCAA tournament team. In addition to these, two other Louisiana schools, Nicholls State and Louisiana College, both made appearances in the NCAA Division II and NAIA national tournaments last season, and the Demons face both in home-and-home ap-

pearances.

The Demons open their home season on Wednesday, December 5, against rival McNeese State in Prather Coliseum.

NOVEMBER		
Date	Opponent	Site
30	University of Texas	Austin, Texas
DECEMBER		
3	Southwestern La.	Lafayette, La.
5	McNeese State	NATCHITOCHES
8	Louisiana College	NATCHITOCHES
10	Louisiana Tech	NATCHITOCHES
15	Bowling Green	Bowling Green, Ohio
29	Ohio State	Columbus, Ohio
JANUARY		
3	Louisiana Tech	Ruston, La.
7	Centenary College	NATCHITOCHES
10	East Texas Baptist	NATCHITOCHES
14	McNeese State	Lake Charles, La.
18	Southern Mississippi	NATCHITOCHES
21	Northeast Louisiana	Monroe, La.
23	Grambling	NATCHITOCHES
26	Southeastern La.	NATCHITOCHES
28	Houston Baptist	Houston, Texas
31	Southern Mississippi	Hattiesburg, Miss.
FEBRUARY		
4	Nicholls State	Thibodaux, La.
7	Southwestern La.	NATCHITOCHES
9	Houston Baptist	NATCHITOCHES
12	Louisiana College	Pineville, La.
16	Northeast Louisiana	NATCHITOCHES
20	Grambling	Grambling, La.
23	Centenary College	Shreveport, La.
25	Southeastern La.	Hammond, La.
28	Nicholls State	NATCHITOCHES

## Barrier Competes In NCAA Decathlon

John Barrier's collegiate track and field career didn't end on quite as a happy note as he would have hoped, but one disappointing outing can't come close to overshadowing the many accomplishments the senior standout produced during the 1979 season.

Barrier, a senior from Hull, Texas, became the first NSU athlete to compete in the NCAA Division I National Outdoor Championships since the Demons stepped into the major college ranks in May when he took part in both the pole vault and the grueling decathlon competition.

The 6-foot-1, 170-pounder finished 11th in the field in the ten-event decathlon with a total of 7,233 points, almost 250 points off his career best.

He missed out on the opening height of 16-1 in the pole vault during the qualifying round.

"John was physically and emotionally drained," said NSU track and field coach Jerry Dyes. "He had competed so hard just a week ago to qualify for the NCAA decathlon that he didn't have much left for the ten events this week. After the decathlon, he was just too tired to do anything in the vault."

Barrier turned in a 7,469-point performance in the decathlon in the Track and Field Association National Championships in Wichita, Kan., two weeks ago, which was good enough for a third place finish and qualified him to take part in the NCAA meet. That mark also set a new NSU school record for the exhausting event.

"The decathlon is the utmost test of an athlete," Dyes said. "It takes every bit of strength and stamina a person can muster, and it's almost impossible to come up with good efforts back-to-back like that."

## Perot, Almond Taken In NFL Football Draft



Petey Perot

Petey Perot and Mike Almond, both four-year standouts on Northwestern State University's football team, were selected during the National Football League draft of college talent in May, but their selections came a long way apart.

Perot, a standout offensive guard-tackle from Natchitoches, was the second-round choice of the Philadelphia Eagles, while Almond received national notoriety by being the final player taken in the draft when he was the 12th round selection of the world champion Pittsburgh Steelers and the 336th player taken overall.

Both two-time All-Louisiana selections, Perot and Almond both report to their respective camps in July. They join former Demon standouts Jackie Smith of the Dallas Cowboys and Sidney Thornton of the Steelers as NSU alumni in the professional ranks.



Mike Almond

# Alumni Names and Faces in the News



*Stuchlik*



*Finley*



*Fulton*



*Harris*



*Weeks*

## 1920's

1929—DR. GORDON GUNTER, professor of zoology and director emeritus of the Gulf Coast Research Laboratory in Ocean Springs, Miss., has been elected to The Explorers Club. He was admitted to the club because of his biological work on the Gulf of Mexico.

1929—CLINT SIMMONS of Grant died this summer of a heart attack. He taught 39 years before retiring. While at Northwestern, he was a member of Coach H. Lee Prather's 1925 basketball team.

## 1940's

1946—DORIS TAYLOR SNIDER of Garrison, Tex., is working toward a master's degree at Stephen F. Austin State University. Her son, Walter, is a student at NSU.

1949—JAMES GARRET of Gladewater, Tex., has taken medical retirement from Texaco, Inc., after working 29 years with the company.

## 1950's

1951—ROBERT MAURICE HOLMES died this summer at the age of 50. He was director of federal programs for the Plaquemines Parish School Board at the time of his death. He had served in the education field for 27 years.

1957—JOHNNY C. STUHLIK has been named senior chemist at the Gulf Oil Corporation refinery at Port Arthur, Tex. Stuchlik received his bachelor's degree from Northwestern in chemistry and has been employed by Gulf since 1957. The Stuchliks reside in Nederland, Tex.

1954—DONALD R. FINLEY has been named head of the new Central Region Information Office for the U.S. Geological Survey. He will be based in Denver. Finley joined the Survey's headquarters staff at Reston, Va., in 1974 as a public information officer. Prior to joining USGS, he had served nearly 15 years as a reporter and editor with United Press International in Des Moines, Iowa, and Washington D.C. From 1969 to 1974, he was national labor reporter for UPI in Washington and also

covered the Interior Department for the new wire service.

1956—CLYDE B. FULTON JR. has been appointed vice president in the corporate actuarial and comptroller's department at The Travelers Insurance Companies in Hartford, Conn. Fulton joined the companies in 1962 and later was named actuarial analyst. In 1966 he was appointed actuarial assistant and three years later was promoted to assistant comptroller. He was named director in 1971 and second vice president in 1974.

1959—GLYNN HARRIS of Ruston is administrator of the Lincoln Parish Office of Family Services. He is also an outdoor writer with weekly columns in The Shreveport Journal and the Ruston Daily Leader newspapers. He also serves as a field editor for Bayou State Sportsman magazine and has been a freelance writer for several national outdoor publications.

## 1960's

1965—JAMES A. WEEKS of Port Arthur, Tex., has received a Doctor of Education degree in school administration and supervision from the University of Houston. From Northwestern, he earned a B.A. degree in elementary education and a M.A. degree in elementary school administration and supervision. He presently serves as principal of Franklin Elementary School.

1969—WAYNE HORN of New Orleans has received his M.D. degree from the LSU School of Medicine in New Orleans and is now a family practice resident at Lake Charles Charity Hospital.

1968—SUSAN H. HOYT, Corpus Christi, was one of the 173 first-timers out of 2,300 persons who passed all six parts of the Certified Professional Secretary Examination to attain the CPS rating in 1978. The exam is given internationally once a year by the Institute for Certifying Secretaries.

1961—DR. EARL GULLEDGE of Niceville, Fla., is dean of the College at Okaloosa-Walton Junior College. His wife, Lora Shank, received her master's degree from

NSU and is a reading specialist at Edge Elementary School.

1961—ROBERTA BROMLEY WITTY of Maringouin died in September. She was 38. Roberta was a music major. Her husband, Donald Witty, graduated from Northwestern in 1960 with a degree in business administration.

1961—BRENDA HOLMES MAY of Memphis, Tenn., is teaching nutrition classes at Shelby State Community College in Memphis. She is also a consultant dietitian in long-term care facilities.

1965—HORACE JOHNSON of South Charleston, W. Va., is working for Union Carbide. He has completed 13 years with Union Carbide and was recently transferred to West Virginia from New Jersey.

## 1970's

1971—CAPT. WILLIAM T. DANIEL, JR. of Bossier City is now serving at Scott AFB, Ill., with a military airlift command unit.

1973—CHARLES M. DITTMAN of St. Mary's, W. Va., has been commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force upon graduation from Officer Training School at Lackland AFB, Texas.

1972—LARRY F. THAYER of Arkadelphia, Ark., has been promoted to data processing manager for the Little Rock Municipal Water Department.

1976—PETER MATHIES of Covington has begun working on a Ph.D. degree in botany at Mississippi State University.

1978—GREGG MANNING of Richardson, Tex., former tennis star at NSU, is a student at the SMU Law School in Dallas. He is also a tennis professional at Inwood Racquet Club in Dallas.

1972—CAPT. DON MOORING of Shreveport is a member of the outstanding crew of the quarter at Barksdale AFB, La.

1972—WANDA CHICOLA of Alexandria is the supportive services coordinator for the Renaissance Home.





**This is an artist's concept of the \$6.5 million Creative and Performing Arts Center which will be developed on the Northwestern campus beginning this fall. Funding has been approved for the complex, which will house the university's departments of art, dance, music and theatre. The project will include the complete renovation of the Fine Arts Building and construction of adjacent facilities. Architects are completing plans for the modernistic center, and groundbreaking will be conducted during the fall semester.**

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